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REFS: (A) COTONOU 0510 (B) COTONOU 0463 (C) ABIDJAN 3198

(D) COTONOU A-34 (E) WILLIAMS/PEARSON MEMO DTD 3/20/75

1. APPRECIATE LATEST REPORT ON CHANGING COTONOU STOCK EVAC-
UATION SITUATION REFLECTED REF (A). ALTHOUGH OCDN
ACHIEVED A DAILY TONNAGE EVACUATION FROM COTONOU OF 450
MT AT TIMES DURING 1974, WE REALIZED THIS AVERAGE WOULD
PROBABLY NOT BE MAINTAINED THIS YEAR DUE DETERIORATING
EQUIPMENT, NATIONALIZATION POLICY, AND SPORADIC LABOR PROB-
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LEMS. WE HAD PROJECTED AN EVACUATION PERFORMANCE OF AP-

PROXIMATELY 200 MT PER DAY AND WERE REASONABLY REASSURED BY OCDN'S AVERAGE PERFORMANCE OF 196 MT OVER PERIOD FEB. 3, 1975 TO MARCH 9, 1975, AS WELL AS BY IMPROVED EVACUATION CONDITIONS NOTED REF (B). SLIPPAGE TO 50 MT AVERAGE PER DAY IS DIFFICULT TO ACCOUNT FOR AND, HOPEFULLY, IN RETROSPECT, WILL PROVE LOWEST MONTHLY PERFORMANCE IN 1975

2. AS REF (A) MESSAGE SUGGESTS, CHANGE IN SITUATION FROM THAT REPORTED IN REF (B) STEMS NOT SO MUCH FROM TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS BUT FROM GAP IN INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY

FURNISHED EMBASSY/AID BY CONCERNED PARTIES. AID/W DESIRES TO CLOSE THIS GAP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND REQUESTS A SPECIAL REPORT ON COTONOU/PARAKOU DELIVERY LINE. FIRST REPORT SHOULD COVER WEEK APRIL 21-26, BE CABLED TO AID/W ON A PRIORITY BASIS AND INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING INFO:

(A) TOTAL DONATED AND COMMERCIAL GRAIN STOCKS IN COTONOU PORT DESTINED FOR NIGER OR MALI;

(B) TOTAL STOCKS EVACUATED DURING PERIOD FROM COTONOU FOR NIGER BY RAIL WITH SEPARATE TOTALS FOR FOOD GRAINS AND COMMERCIAL GOODS;

(C) DONATED FOOD STOCKS EVACUATED FROM COTONOU FOR NIGER BY TRUCK. (ASSUME WFP REPRESENTATIVE IS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH THIS INFO TO AID/REP);

(D) TOTAL DONATED STOCKS STORED IN PARAKOU FOR SHIPMENT TO NIGER AND TOTAL EVACUATED DURING THIS PERIOD;

(E) SPECIAL PROBLEMS: AID/REP COMMENTS ON SPECIAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD AND STEPS TAKEN BY WFP AND/OR AID/REP TO RESOLVE SAME.

3. WITH RESPECT TO EXCEPTIONAL EVACUATION MEASURES MENTIONED PARA 3 REF (A)" AID/W WILL ADVISE SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY TO RESORT TO ONE OR A COMBINATION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALTERNATIVES. FOR PRESENT, HOWEVER, WE PREFER TO MONITOR VERY CLOSELY THE IMPROVED PERFORMANCE WHICH HAS BEEN ASSURED BY OCDN DIRECTOR.

4. AID/W RECOGNIZES ADDITIONAL BURDEN PLACED ON AID/REP COTONOU BY THIS SPECIAL WEEKLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT. OSRO/ROME, AT AID/W REQUEST, HAS AGREED FURNISH TDY LOGISTICAL HELP TO ASSIST WFP AND AID/REP ON COTONOU/

PARAKOU DELIVERY LINE. OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT VOLUNTEER
WHO PERFORMED THIS SERVICE LAST YEAR WILLING TO RETURN
COTONOU FOR THREE MONTHS O/A MAY 1, 1975. IF COMBINED
EFFORTS OF WFP/OSRO/AID NOT SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMPLISH
MONITORING REQUIREMENTS, AID/W WILLING CONSIDER FUNDING
SHORT-TERM CONTRACT ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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